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PURSUANT TO RESOLUTION 1267 (1999)
CONCERNING AFGHANISTAN

LETTER DATED 8 FEBRUARY 2000 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE CHAIRMAN OF THE COMMITTEE

The Security Council, in resolution 1267 (1999), paragraph 10, requested all Member States to report to the Committee (established in paragraph 6 of that resolution) on the steps they have taken with a view to effectively implementing the measures called for in paragraph 4 of the resolution. The United States informs the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 6 of resolution 1267 (1999) of the following actions which were taken in accordance with the laws of the United States and which effectively implement the provisions of paragraph 4 of resolution 1267 (1999):

On 4 July 1999 President William J. Clinton signed Executive Order 13129 imposing an assets freeze and trade embargo against the Taliban.* The Executive Order authorizes the blocking of all property and interests in property of the Taliban and of persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State and the Attorney-General, to be owned or controlled by or acting for or on behalf of the Taliban, and further prohibits all United States persons from engaging in a variety of transactions with the Taliban and other persons designated pursuant to the Order. In implementing this Executive Order, the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the United States Treasury Department has blocked more than a quarter billion dollars worth of commercial bank accounts, money transfers, and other assets (including gold and demand deposits) within United States jurisdictions of the following entities:

(a) Da Afghanistan Bank (also known as Afghan State Bank, also known as Central Bank of Afghanistan), Ibni Sina Watt, Kabul;

* A copy of the Executive Order is on file in the Secretariat, room S-3055.

(b) Banke Mille Afghan (also known as Afghan National Bank, also known as Bank E. Millie Afghan), Jada Ibn Sina, Kabul;

(c) Ariana Afghan Airlines (formerly known as Bakhtar Afghan Airlines), Afghan Authority Building, P.O. Box 76, Ansari Watt, Kabul.

In the period since sanctions were imposed, no Taliban controlled aircraft have sought permission to take off from or land in United States territory. Moreover, as Ariana Afghan Airlines has been determined to be controlled by, or to be acting for or on behalf of, the Taliban, the Executive Order prohibits United States persons from engaging in any transactions or dealings with it.

The United States has provided supplemental information to the Committee, including a list of aircraft which we believe are Taliban controlled. We look forward to working with the other Committee members to ensure that Security Council resolution 1267 (1999) is effectively enforced.

(Signed) Richard C. HOLBROOKE